

October 21, 2002

Public Notice for 401 Certification
Stony Ranch Subdivision
Sonoma County

On June 13, 2002 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Harvey Rich, on behalf of Stony Ranch LLC, requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the State (wetlands) and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

The Stony Ranch property consists of approximately 4.6 acres of land, 0.3 acres of which is wetland. The site is located at 2132 Stony Point Road, directly across from the Northpoint Village Apartments. As proposed, the project will impact all 4.6 acres of the property. A residential home and associated outbuildings will need to be demolished as a part of the project, along with a small grove of trees. The completed project is proposed to consist of 29 single family detached residences and a street through the site linking Stony Point Road with Trombetta Street.

Although no listed species have been observed on the site, there are 2.90 acres of California Tiger Salamander aestivation habitat present on the site. The closest known breeding pool to the site is ½ mile away on the south side of Hearn Avenue, but larvae were found in a ditch ¼ mile away on property owned by Cobblestone Homes.

Construction is proposed to take place during the period of April 2003 to December 2003. A storm water plan has been developed for the project.

A CEQA document is being prepared by the City of Santa Rosa, but has not yet been finalized. A Federal permit may be required, but the extent of US Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over the wetlands on this project is not known at this time.

At this time the Regional Water Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. In addition, the Regional Water Board will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov, or send comments to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.